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**DXCC NEWS FLASH.** If you are not a OPDX InterNet Subscriber or read the ARRL Bulletins than you missed that a "New DXCC Entity Was Added". **Palestine** will be added to the DXCC List **effective October 1, 1999**. Contacts made with Palestine (callsign E4) stations **after February 1, 1999**, will count for this new entity. Under the DXCC rules, contacts with the deleted entity of Palestine made prior to June 30, 1968 do not count for this entity. There is no commonality of territory or administration.

**3A, MONACO.** Last week we mentioned that Leo, K8PYD, will be active from **February 18th to March 2nd**, possibly as **3A/K8PYD**. Leo now tells OPDX that Tom, N9NC, who previously operated as **3A/N9NC** during the CQWW CW Contest, will be joining him in Monaco February 19th for a week. Tom will only be free during their evening hours after work. He plans to work 40, 80 and 160 meters CW. Leo also mentions that either or both of them may join in the contest the weekend of **February 20-21st**.

**3B8, MAURITIUS ISLAND.** There is plenty of activity from here. Hans, **3B8/DJ7MI**, has been very active on 160/80/40/30/15 meters. His activity will continue **until February 20th**. QSL via DJ7MI. Jacky, **3B8CF**, seems to like 30 meters a lot lately, check around 10103 kHz between 0230 and 0330z. The "South-West DX Bulletin" states that **3B8GD** has been very active on the weekends on 28495 kHz and 18145 kHz. QSL via 3B8DB.

**5H3US PHOTO GALLERY WEBSITE.** Jim, AD1C, states Dave Heil, 5H3US (K8MN), sent him some pictures he snapped with his digital camera. These picture can be viewed at:  
<http://jjr.ne.mediaone.net/5H3US/>

**7O, E4 AND P5, YEMEN, PALESTINE AND NORTH KOREA (HA5PP Projects in the works.....).** Zoli, HA5PP, writes to OPDX that he has been in Yemen twice in 1998, and is still trying to get permission to operate. He continues to work with Yemen's General Director of

Ministry of Communications (MoC), Abdulgader Ibrahim, on a plan and an application to reactivate amateur radio in Yemen. Zoli feels the process is slow, but is close to having 70 back on the air. He tells OPDX that he just needs a little help to convince the "MoC". Zoli has requested that the OPDX readers and the DX associations call or FAX Mr. Ibrahim, and ask "What is the status/progress of amateur radio in Yemen." Tell him the world's amateur radio operators are anxiously waiting the return of amateur radio in Yemen. Also, state that you support Zoli's efforts to help re-establish amateur radio in Yemen. Zoli states that he can set up a nice amateur radio station with the coordination of some USA/Europe/Japan organizations. Here are General Director Abdulgader Ibrahim's phone numbers:

Home Phone: 967 1 321900

Office No.: 967 1 331455

Fax Number: 967 1 331455

In Zoli's letter, he also mentions that he is also thinking about going to E4 (Palestine) soon. This is currently in the planning stages and more details will be coming out later. Sponsors and donations will be welcome. Zoli's letter to OPDX he states, "It seems to me, the hams have given up that the P5 will be on the air "again". I know that this is crazy trying, but I will try P5....." Zoli states that plans are in the works to visit North Korea. He also has mentioned that he is looking for sponsors to help fund a short operation (which may last only a few days). He feels the time is right. "GO FOR IT!", are his words he tells OPDX. If you are interested in helping Zoli, he can be contacted by E-mail at: [navus@mail.matav.hu](mailto:navus@mail.matav.hu)

**8P, BARBADOS.** Jim/K4MA and Will/AA4NC will be active as **8P9JA** and **8P9JB** respectively from **February 17-22th**. They will operate the **ARRL DX CW Contest** using the callsign **8P9JA** as a Multi/Single entry. QSL to home callsigns.

**BT1WW CQ 160 WRAP-UP.** The following is an excerpt from a press release by Tim Totten, N4GN, written by Martti Laine, OH2BH: "..... The People's Republic of China indeed appeared on 160 meters in this past weekend's contest. The U.S. pileups were huge but unfortunately so was the noise level in Beijing. While congratulating those 24 U.S. stations who made it through, the gang in China also wants to apologize for those who kept calling." The lucky stateside stations are: N7RT, N6RO, W6UB, W7TVF, N6FF, W6YA, K6VX, W2VJN, K6SE, W6UE, N6ED, W6AJJ, N2KK, WU6T, KF6T, N7UA, K6UR, KG6I, W6PBI, W7IUV, KC7V, W7XR, N7DD and AB6LF. The greatest signals were N6RO, N6FF and W6AJJ. You can QSL to: Martti J. Laine, Unit No. 21H North Lodge, China World Trade Center, No. 1 Jianguomen Wai Avenue, Beijing 100004, People's Republic of China. Your observations are also welcome to the following two e-mail addresses: [martti.laine@nmp.nokia.com](mailto:martti.laine@nmp.nokia.com) and [crsa@public.bta.net.cn](mailto:crsa@public.bta.net.cn)

**CE, CHILE.** "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Jack, WA0RJY, will be traveling in Chile during **February** and hopes to be active for about **5 days**. He will probably be active as either **CE/WA0RJY** or **CE/K7ED**. QSL via WA0RJY.

**DXERS LOSE A RARE ONE.** He was not a rare country, a rare IOTA or even a special event station, but a King of a country. DXers who have been around for a few years (or a few decades) knew that working the King, **JY1**, was a rarity, honor and an accomplishment. For me (as your editor) working the King, was one of my favor highlights as being an amateur radio operator. It is not everyday that a leader or King of a country that would take the time to talk to you on amateur radio, but **King Hussein** of Jordan gave us that chance. Even though it was

rare, the King has been heard on HF, and he even made a contact with the Space Shuttle via VHF. King Hussein's, JY1, signal on the ham bands will be dearly missed. The 63 year old monarch, peace-maker, who was treated in a U.S. clinic for a relapse of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, was pronounced clinically dead, but was kept on life support after the collapse of all his major organs, except his heart. He became a "Silent Key" (SK) as this bulletin was being prepared. OPDX would like to send our deepest sympathy to King Hussein's wife, Queen Noor, and the family.

**E4, PALESTINE.** Reports indicate that Ali, JY4NE, has mentioned that he will be active from Palestine. He states, that the Ministry of Tele- communications in Palestine has not issued ham radio licenses yet, so he is still waiting. He think his callsign will be **E44A**, but he is not sure. Ali says to keep on checking his Web page for up-to-date info at:

[www.angelfire.com/ny/JY4NE/index.html](http://www.angelfire.com/ny/JY4NE/index.html) Other sources state Ali will be active possibly **February 20-21st** or **February 27-28th** from **Gaza**, QTH of ZC6B. Activity will be used on the highest open band. Operations will be SSB and some CW. Possible callsign may be **E44E**.

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA.** Look for Helmut, DJ4VW, to be active **until February 20th**, as **FO/DJ4VW**. His activity will be mainly on 20 meters SSB. He will be on the **Island of Raiatea (OC-067)**. QSL via DJ4VW, direct or the bureau.

**JD, MINAMI TORISHIMA.** The "DX News Sheet" reports that Ryochi, JL1KFR, is active again **until February 15th**, as **JL1KFR/JD1**. Activity will be CW and RTTY, especially to Europe and North America. QSL via home call.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- **OY1CT QSLs.** OPDX has received information that several sources are stating OY1CT QSLs can be obtained via F6GNG; this is wrong. OY1CT has stated that "he has ALWAYS handled his own QSLs direct". So, please QSL direct ONLY to OY1CT.
- QSL Manager Kevin, **VK2CE**, (manager of **VK9NX**) has a **new address**. Please check your data bases. The address should be: Kevin Mulcahy, POB 300, Merrimbula, 2548, Australia.
- **BQ9P QSLs.** It is being reported that these cards should be coming out sometime in February. QSLs will be a full color folding card.
- **XX9X/XX9TAR/XX9TMC/XX9TNC/XX9TOT/XX9TXD QSL CARDS.** Steve, KU9C, reports QSL cards for the various XX9 operations in October, 1998, listed are beginning to hit the mail. He states that he is about 1/2 way through the pile, and hopes to have most, if not all, out early next week. However, he does mention that if you sent your card with others, such as B1A, BT2HC, BQ9P or many of the other stations that he manages, this will slow their return to you. He expects to be mailing these cards out during the month of February as well.

**PA6, NETHERLANDS.** Bill, PA3BIZ, PR Manager of the VRZA (Dutch Radio Society), wants to remind everyone that the **PACC Contest** (160-10 meters) will be held next weekend **February 13-14th** (1200-1200z). Also, look for their club station, PI4KGL, which has received the special callsign **PA6V** for the contest. All QSLs go through PI4KGL and Dutch bureau.

**PY0S, ST. PETER & ST. PAUL ROCKS.** Paul, PT2NP, ABRA Director-Secretary, informs OPDX that the ABRA-DX Brazilian Association will be going on another DXpedition to St.

Peter and St. Paul's Archipelago (formerly known as St. Peter and St. Paul's Rocks - PY0S). This operation will start **March 15th or 16th** and last **until March 21st or 22nd**. The ABRA team will include the following operators: PT2HF/Lunkes, PT2GTI/Stuckert and PT2NP/Paul. Operations will be on SSB and CW, but other modes are in the planning stages. The group will leave the port of Natal on March 10th, and will be back on the Brazilian coast between March 26th and 29th. QSL via PT2GTI. Paul also informs OPDX that this operation has no connection with the other group announced by Karl, PS7KM. More information is forthcoming. Paul, PY3PAZ, provides OPDX with the following PY0S information: "These Rocks are a Federal Silvester Resource and there are about 4 Brazilian scientists living there for no more than 15 days at a time because of the bad conditions. On the Rocks, you have sun all day long, calm winds and the temperature reaches about +45C sometimes. Imagine how hard it is...The nights are sometimes warm but sometimes cold. The crew is changed every 15 days and the entire support comes from the Brazilian Navy..... It is quiet hard for a civilian group to go there. On the Rock, there is no place to be, no grass, no energy (only by batteries) and no potable water as well..... Only rocks everywhere." You can also visit the ABRA Web site at: <http://www.pt2dx.org.br> This site is written only in Portuguese, but at least you can enjoy the many photos from the four DXpeditions made by the Association to the following islands: Trindade, Coroa Vermelha, Martim Vaz and South Shetland-Antarctica.

**S7, SEYCHELLES.** "South-West DX Bulletin" reports that Kurt, HB9MX, will be active **until February 27th**, as **S79MX** from **Mahe (AF-024)**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters. QSL via HB9MX: Kurt Bindschedler, Strahleggweg 28, 8400 Winterthur, Switzerland.

**SPECIAL EVENT STATION.** The Boland Amateur Radio Club will be running a special event station between **February 27th and March 1st**, to celebrate the **150th birthday of the L'Agulhas Lighthouse**. The special callsign **ZS150LL** (L'Agulhas Lighthouse) will be used on all the popular HF bands and all contacts will be confirmed with a very special QSL card. The L'Agulhas Lighthouse, built in 1848/49, is the second oldest lighthouse in Africa and the Southern most lighthouse in Africa. Boland ARC invites all lighthouse and radio enthusiast to pay a visit to their special station which will be active from a caravan parked right next to the light house.

**T8, BELAU.** Look for JA5AUC and JA5IU to be active as **T88TM** and **T88SY**, respectively, from Palau **February 11-14th**. They will be there on a mini vacation but activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB. QSL via home callsigns and it is "OK" via the bureau.

**V3, BELIZE.** Joe, K8JP, and his wife Beverly will be driving to Belize, leaving about February 6th. They expect to arrive there about **February 11th and return on March 9th**. If all goes well with the tower and antenna installations, Joe will be operating the **ARRL DX CW and SSB Contests** as a Single Operator High Power All Bands and the **CQWW 160 SSB Contest** as a Single Operator High Power. Outside of the contests, Joe will be operating mostly on the lower bands, 160/80/40 meters CW with some SSB. Joe will use the callsign **V31JP**. He also mentions that he has a great deal of non-ham work to accomplish on this trip, so daylight hours will be spent on dealing with those tasks. He will be testing antennas on the higher bands. Also, on most mornings around 1200z, Joe can be found on 14165 with W2MIG and friends. QSL via Joe's new manager, Lonnie W. Miller, KA9WON, 12031 Blue Spruce Dr, Roscoe, IL 61073, USA.

**V7, MARSHALL ISLAND.** Tom, N4XP, states that he will be here for **10 days beginning**

**February 27th.** His callsign is not yet determined. He states that the low bands will be priority with 30 meters for Europe as well. QSL to home callsign N4XP.

**VK9C & VK9X COCOS-KEELING AND CHRISTMAS ISLANDS.** Just a quick reminder to look for W0YG, W8UVZ and WB9Z to become active from **Christmas Island** as **VK9XX**, now **until February 13th** and from **Cocos-Keeling, February 13-20th**, as **VK9YY**. Their activity will be mainly on 160/80 meters CW, the WARC bands both CW and SSB, and RTTY on 15/20 meters. QSL via W0YG. Also, Charlie, W0YG, states, "Please do not include VK9XX and VK9YY cards in the same envelope."

**VP2E, ANGUILLA.** Mike/W1USN, Bob/AA1M and Jim/W1HL will be enjoying a week in VP2E-land. Operations on CW and SSB are anticipated. Callsigns have not been assigned as of yet. Dates of the operation are **March 1-8th**. QSL to home calls.

**VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLAND.** Dallas, K1DW, informs OPDX that he is headed to **Tortola, BVI**, for **three weeks starting on February 16th**. His intention is to operate the **ARRL DX CW and SSB Contests** and the **CQWW SSB Contest**. During the non-contest times, Dallas plans to operate 160-10 meters on SSB, CW and RTTY. Dallas states, "I know that VP2V is not a rare country, but many may be looking to fill in countries for 5/6 band DXCC and RTTY DXCC."

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